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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE  
USINT BAGHDAD IMMEDIATE

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FOR CHRISTINE MONROE FROM NEA/ARN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, OTRA, IZ, LE

SUBJECT: BLACK DAY AT BAD BAGHDAD

REF: DAMASCUS 6200

1. THE OUTRAGE OF ALL YOUR FRIENDS IN THIS OFFICE WAS  
TEMPERED BY OUR REALIZATION THAT ANYONE WHO TRIES TO  
TAMPER WITH THE PURSE OF AN AMERICAN LADY FACES TESTS MORE  
SEVERE THAN HE HAD BARGAINED FOR. THE PUNISHMENT FITS THE  
CRIME.

2. ANYWAY, YOU WERE VERY SMART TO PUT YOUR PASSPORT IN  
THE SUITCASE. CONSIDER THIS EPISODE PART OF YOUR CON-  
DITIONING TO MIDDLE EAST ATMOSPHERICS.

3. FOR BAGHDAD: YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK OUT REASONS  
FOR THIS INCIDENT, DEMAND FULL EXPLANATION FROM THE  
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES, AND REGISTER OUR STRONG OBJECTIONS  
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TO THIS BAHAVIOR. REPORT EVEN INITIAL RESULTS OF YOUR  
APPROACH TO WASHINGTON PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S SCHEDULED  
MEETING WITH HAMMADI ON OCT. 3. CHRISTOPHER

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